

Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, July 2, 2020 at 7:30pm
Meeting was held remotely due to Covid-19

- 1- **Call to order-** First Selectman Spaulding called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Also in attendance were Selectman Stephen Grozinger, Selectwoman Samantha Nestor, Board of Finance Chairman Steve Ezzes and Board of Finance Member Allan Grauberd, Town Administrator Jonathan Luiz and Weston Residents.
- 2- **Pledge of Allegiance** – The pledge was recited
- 3- **Proclamation honoring Tree Warden Bill Lomas:** First Selectman Spaulding read the proclamation for Mr. Lomas.
- 4- **Discussion/decision regarding a request from the Board of Finance to delay Fiscal Year 20-21 capital spending and road resurfacing spending:** Mr. Ezzes advocated for a delay in spending due to financial considerations connected to Covid-19. Mr. Grauberd explained why he did not support delaying road spending. Selectman Grozinger moved to delay the road resurfacing spending. First Selectman Spaulding seconded the motion. Motion failed 1:2 with Selectman Grozinger in favor and First Selectman Spaulding and Selectwoman Nestor opposed.
- 5- **Discussion/decision regarding Michelle Albright's resignation from the Children and Youth Commission.** Selectman Grozinger moved to accept the resignation of Michelle Albright from the Children and Youth Commission effective June 22, 2020. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 6- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Ed Hutchins to the Veteran's Committee.** Selectwoman Nestor moved to reappoint Ed Hutchins to the Veteran's Committee for a term to end June 30, 2022. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 7- **Discussion/decision to reappoint Claudia Hahn to the Beautification Committee.** Selectman Grozinger moved to reappoint Claudia Hahn to the Beautification Committee for a term ending June 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.
- 8- **Interview Commission for the Arts candidates: Sally Eiler and Michael Bud.** Sally and Michael were interviewed.
- 9- **Interview Marketing and Communications Advisory Committee candidate – Cheri McKenzie.** The Board of Selectmen interviewed Ms. McKenzie.
- 10- **Discussion/decision to establish a public hearing on Thursday, July 16th at 6:15pm for the purpose of discussing three grant applications for the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program.** First Selectman Spaulding explained the purpose of the grant and that it would help fund one of the phases of the sidewalk project. He also explained the need for an official public hearing. Selectwoman Nestor moved to establish a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 16th at 6:15pm for the purpose of discussing one grant application for the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- 11- **Discussion/decision to establish a Public Hearing on Thursday, July 16th at 6:45pm for the purpose of discussing the adoption of an ordinance regulating construction start and stop times.** Selectman Grozinger said he would prefer to make sure this is passed by the Police Chief to make sure he is OK with enforcing. Selectwoman Nestor

agreed. This item was tabled.

- 12- **Discussion/decision to establish a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, July 16th at 7:00pm for the purpose of approving a sale of 2,736 square feet of real estate adjacent to the Davis Hill Road Bridge, to the State of Connecticut. Said real estate being depicted on a right-of-way survey dated May 27, 2020, prepared by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation.** Mr. Luiz stated our Assessor felt it is a reasonable offer. Selectman Grozinger moved to establish a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, July 16th at 7pm for the purpose of approving a sale of 2,736 square feet of real estate adjacent to the Davis Hill Road Bridge, to the State of Connecticut, for \$2,900. Said real estate being depicted on a right-of-way survey dated May 27, 2020, prepared by the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 13- **Discussion/decision regarding complaints of dogs off leash and the impact it is having on those attempting to social distance.** This item is postponed.
- 14- **Discussion/decision regarding reopening plans for Town offices.** Mr. Luiz stated August 10th is a very realistic target date to reopen, explaining what would need to be done to prepare such as receiving all PPE supplies, training staff according to new guidelines and making sure offices are ready. Selectman Grozinger moved to establish a reopening date of August 10, 2020 for all Town Offices, with the understanding that activities at the Town Hall Annex building will be held appointment only to the greatest extent feasible. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 15- **Discussion/decision regarding BOS Minutes approval: June 25th.** Selectman Grozinger moved to approve the June 25th Board of Selectmen minutes. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 16- Selectwoman Nestor moved to add the following business item to tonight's meeting agenda: Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Don Kendall as Weston's representative to the Southwestern Connecticut Regional Communications Center. Selectman Grozinger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 17- Selectwoman Grozinger moved to add the following business item to tonight's meeting agenda: Discussion/decision to appoint Michael Schechter as Weston's representative to the Southwestern Connecticut Regional Communications Center. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 18- **Discussion/decision to accept the resignation of Don Kendall as Weston's CMED representative to the Southwestern Connecticut Regional Communications Center.** Selectman Grozinger moved to accept the resignation of Don Kendall as our CMED representative to the Southwestern Connecticut Regional Communications Center. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 19- **Discussion/decision to appoint Michael Schechter as Weston's representative to the Southwestern Connecticut Regional Communications Center.** Selectman Grozinger moved to appoint Michael Schechter as Weston's representative to the Southwestern Connecticut Regional Communications Center. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
- 20- **Adjournment:** Selectman Grozinger moved to adjourn at 8:56pm. Selectwoman Nestor seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by: Randi Derene, Administrative Assistant